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SUBJ: KORAT TECHNICAL STUDENTS DISTRIBUTE LEAFLETS
PROTESTING NLA DECISIONS ON VOTING AND CANDIDATE
AGE AND FOREIGN TROOP BASING

1. SEPT. 19 AFTERNOON THE "FREE STUDENTS GROUP"
OF THE NORTHEAST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN KORAT DISTRIBUTED A
LARGE NUMBER OF LEAFLETS IN KORAT CALLING FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND
COLLEGE STUDENTS AND THE GENERAL POPULATION TO PROTEST THE
NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DECISIONS RAISING MINIMUM AGES
OF VOTERS AND CANDIDATES AND ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT
THAT THE NLA APPROVE THE FUTURE BASING OF FOREIGN TROOPS.

2. THE LEAFLET ACCUSES THE "ONLY APPOINTED" ASSEMBLY
MEMBERS OF TRYING TO GET BACK POWER THEY LOST AS ESTABLISHMENT
MEMBERS IN THE OCTOBER 1973 GOVERNMENT OVERTHROW AND ENDS/WITH
THIS APPEAL:

"FELLOW COUNTRYMEN, THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO
TAKE RESPONSIBILITY TOGETHER BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE. YOU MUST
CAREFULLY CONSIDER THIS SO AS NOT TO LET OUR BELOVED THAILAND
RETURN TO ABSOLUTE DICTATORSHIP. THERE ARE MANY MORE THINGS
TO BE MENTIONED: THE ELIMINATION OF THE RIGHT OF 23-YEAR
OLDS TO BE CANDIDATES; THE CALL FOR TWO HOUSES IN
WHICH SOME MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED; AND FINALLY, THE THING THAT
WILL LEAD THE THAI PEOPLE TO ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION THE PERMISSION
FOR FOREIGN TROOPS TO ENTER THE COUNTRY OR THAIS TO VOLUNTEER
FOR FOREIGN WARS WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE PARLIAMENT.

"WAKE UP FELLOW COUNTRYMEN* FROM THE DRAFT
CONSTITUTION, MEMBERS OF THE NLA HAVE SHOWN THAT THEY HAVE
TURNED AWAY FROM THE DESIRES OF BRAVE MEN AND THE THAI
PEOPLE, TO PROTEST, AND TO CONDEMN THE INSINCERE PERFORMANCE
OF THE NLA MEMBERS FROM NOW UNTIL THE END*
N.E.I.I. FREE STUDENTS GROUP"

3. FROM OSI KORAT WE LEARNED THAT ORGANIZERS
FROM BANGKOK HELD A RALLY SEPT 17 AT THE N.E.I.I. ATTENDED
BY 400 TO 500 STUDENTS AND ARE HOLDING ANOTHER RALLY THERE
SEPTEMBER 20. REPORTEDLY THESE MEETINGS FOLLOW AN EARLIER
MEETING AT KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY AUGUST 31.

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4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT A COUPLE OF ORGANIZERS
OF THE LEFLET DISTRIBUTION HOPE TO RUN FOR PARLIAMENT IN KORAT
AND HENCE WERE COUNTING ON YOUNG KORAT VOTERS IN THE ELECTION.

5. UNFORTUNATELY, OF COURSE, THE LUMPING OF THE FOREIGN
TROOPS QUESTION IN THE SAME PROTEST PACKAGE MAKES THE AIRBASES
CONVENIENT TARGETS FOR ATTEMPTING TO ACHIEVE THE WHOLE PACKAGE.

6. AFTER THE ABOVE WAS WRITTEN WE LEARNED FROM
THE ASSISTANT G-2 OF SECOND ARMY THAT AT THEIR MEETING
TODAY THE STUDENTS ARE MAKING POSTERS AND BANNERS. BIGELOW
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